

# Report Ministerial Process Secretariat

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# BACKGROUND



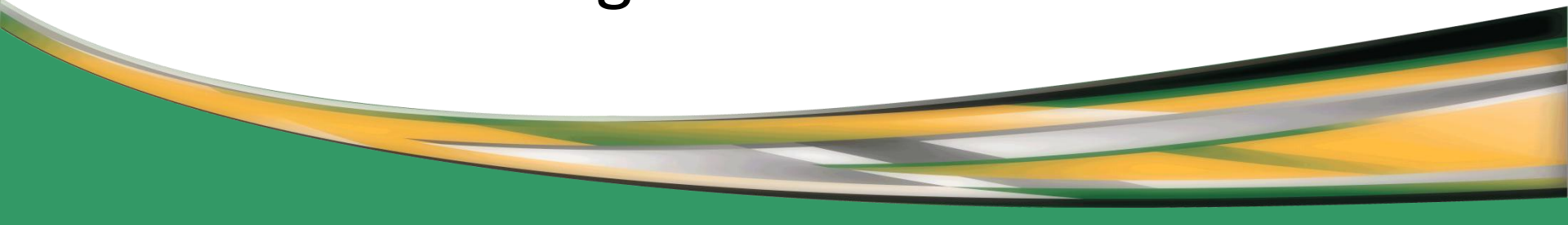
Agriculture and Rural Life **missing** as strategic issues.

## **New Political Framework for the Agricultural sector**

Heads of State and Gov. recognize the key importance of agriculture and rural life in the integral development of the hemisphere

Agriculture and Rural Life are strengthened as strategic issues, and their Ministerial Meetings are fully integrated into the Summit Process

## AGRO 2003-2015 Plan

- It is the shared agenda to promote the sustainable development of agriculture the rural milieu.
  - Was adopted during the Second Ministerial Meeting (Panama 2003)
  - Its development was lead by the Ministers of Agriculture.
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# The AGRO-Matrix

<b>Systemic Concept</b>				
<b>Sustainable Development Approach</b>	<b>Rural Territories</b>	<b>Agricultural Production-Trade Chains</b>	<b>National and International Context</b>	<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>
<b>Production – Trade</b>	I. Promoting competitive rural enterprises	II. Integrating chains and strengthening their competitiveness	III. Promoting on environment conducive to competitive agriculture	<b>Competitiveness</b>
<b>Ecological – Environmental</b>	IV. Being environmentally responsible in the rural areas	V. From farm to table: promoting integrated environmental management	VI. Participating in building and institutional environmental framework	<b>Sustainability</b>
<b>Socialcultural – Human</b>	VII. Quality of life in rural communities: creating know-how and opportunity	VIII. Advancing learning and expertise in the chain	IX. Promoting policies to create capabilities and opportunities for the rural communities	<b>Equity</b>
<b>Political – Institutional</b>	X. Strengthening public and private sector participation and coordinated action between them in the territories	XI. Strengthening dialogue and commitments among actors in the chain	XII. Promoting national policies and regional and hemispheric cooperation for agriculture and rural life	<b>Governance</b>



# IICA as Institutional Partner of the Summit Process

International cooperation organization  
(New model of technical cooperation)



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(since Quebec 2001)

# ACHIEVEMENTS

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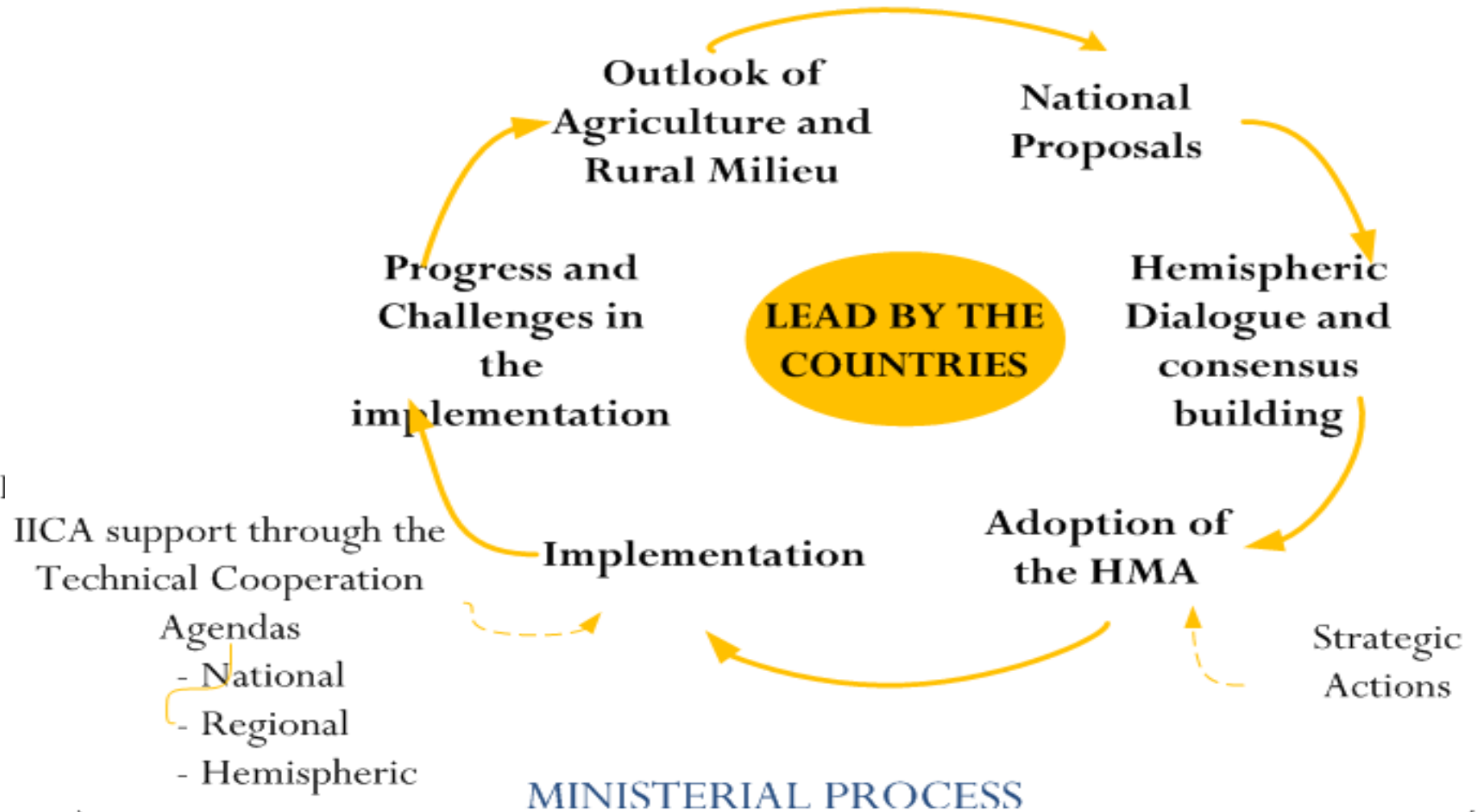
- Recognizing and repositioning agriculture and rural life as strategic issues
- Institutionalization: Building a continuous cycle
- Linking the Ministerial Process and the Summit Process

## Recognizing and repositioning agriculture and rural life as strategic issues

### **Summit Declarations and Action Plans:**

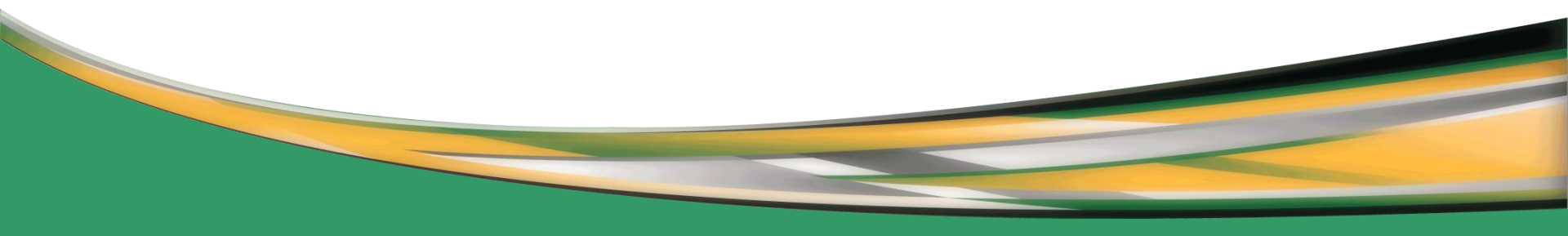
- **Monterrey 2004:** recognition of the AGRO Plan
- **Mar del Plata 2005:** commitment to the implementation of the AGRO Plan
- **Trinidad & Tobago 2009:** acknowledgement of the importance of a **multidimensional and multisectoral approach** to Agriculture and Rural Life and **Food Security**

Institutionalization: The Ministerial Process has become a continuous cycle that includes :



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# Linking the Ministerial Process and the Summit Process

- Participation in the Summit Process mechanisms
  - Dissemination of the Hemispheric Ministerial Agreements
  - Provide support to the countries in developing Agriculture and Rural Life mandates
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# COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOURTH MINISTERIAL MEETING

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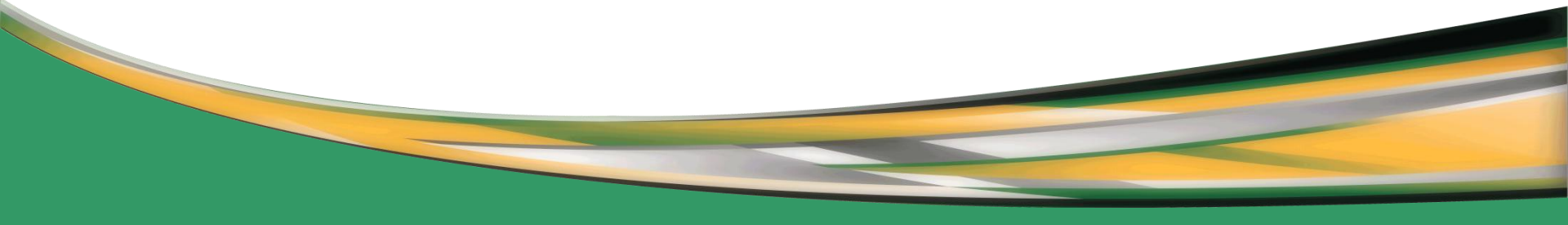
2. Countries / Ministerial Delegates

## Ministerial Process Secretariat

- Participation in the V Summit of the Américas
- Assisting in the dissemination and implementation of the AGRO Plan
- Preparation of the **“Base Document for the Hemispheric Dialogue 2009”** based on the National Reports received from 29 countries

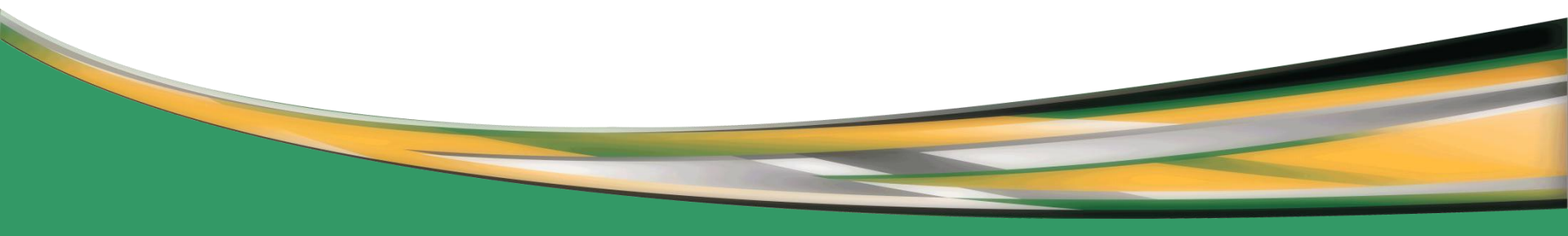
## MULTIDIMENSIONAL AND MULTISECTORAL APPROACH FOR AGRICULTURE

**Paragraph 25:** *We believe that a multidimensional and multisectoral approach to agriculture and rural life is a key factor for sustainable development and food security. In this context and within the framework of the Agro Plan 2003–2015 of the Fourth Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas held in Guatemala in 2007...*



## MULTIDIMENSIONAL AND MULTISECTORAL APPROACH FOR AGRICULTURE

*... we support the efforts in the repositioning of agriculture and rural issues and priorities in our national strategies and we commit to strengthening national, sub-regional, regional and hemispheric approaches and strategic actions, as applicable, with the support of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and other relevant organizations.*



## FOOD SECURITY

**Paragraph 23:** (...) *We recognize the negative impact on our people of food crises when they occur, and commit to taking urgent and coordinated action, working in partnership with the relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, to develop and implement comprehensive policies and programmes in order to confront the challenges of food security (...)*

## FOOD SECURITY

### **Paragraph 23:** (...)

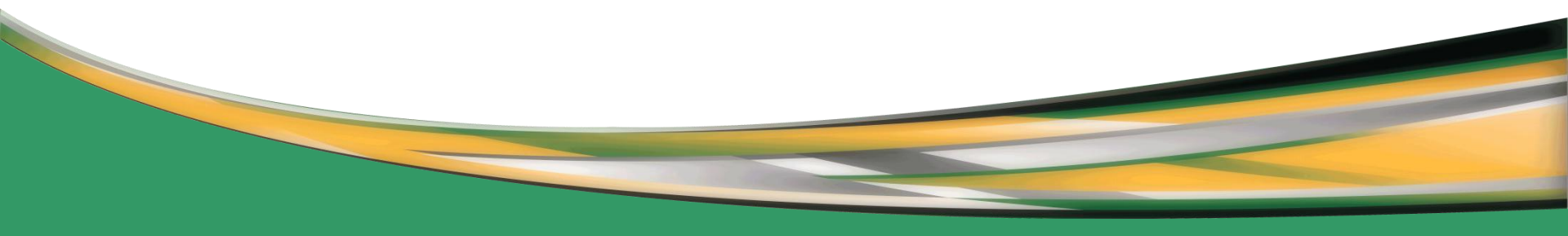
*We call on our Agriculture Ministers to develop activities aimed at addressing issues affecting access to and availability of food (...) We support the promotion of investment in agriculture, as well as the strengthening of our States' institutional capacity, with a view to increasing and intensifying productive activities, particularly in the countries most affected by hunger.*

## Countries/ Ministerial Delegates

- Implementation of the HMAs adopted
- Dissemination and follow up of the agriculture and rural life Summit Mandates.
- Present the **“2009 National Report on Progress and Challenges in the implementation of the Hemispheric Ministerial Agreement Guatemala 2007”**

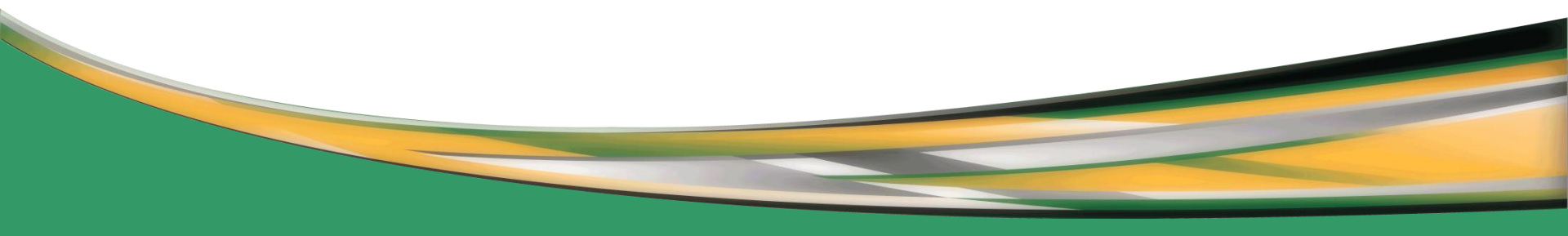
# National Reports on Progress and Challenges

## **Progress in the implementation of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan**

- National efforts are being made to implement strategic elements of the AGRO Plan
  - Agreement between the objectives of the national strategies and those of the AGRO Plan
  - Use of the AGRO-Matrix in policy development.
  - Significant progress in working together with the public, private and social sector agricultural stakeholders
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# National Reports on Progress and Challenges

## **Challenges in the implementation of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan**

- Economic, productive, social, environmental and institutional factors continue creating problems for the sustainable development of agriculture and rural life.
  - Continued concerns about competitiveness, sustainability, equity and governance
  - Building Capacity for enhancing Food Security and Rural Life in the Americas
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# Base Document for the Hemispheric Dialogue 2009

## ***Themes Suggested to the GRICA based on the 29 Reports received***

<b>1. More and better food</b>	<b>8. Management and leadership</b>
<b>2. Storage and food processing</b>	<b>9. Food Basket</b>
<b>3. Agricultural health and food safety</b>	<b>10. Production and income</b>
<b>4. Soils and water</b>	<b>11. Focusing on rural territories</b>
<b>5. Risk management and agricultural emergencies</b>	<b>12. Coordination mechanisms and chain approach</b>
<b>6. Climate change</b>	<b>13. Institutional capacity</b>
<b>7. Multisectoral agro-environmental management</b>	<b>14. Investment in agriculture and rural development</b>

**THANK YOU**

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